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Applicant: N. P. McCaffrey et al. : Art Unit:
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FOR: EXTENDED DYNAMIC RANGE :
IMAGING SYSTEM AND METHOD :

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Prior to Examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-13.

Please add the following new claims 14- 33 as follows:

- 1 14. (Newly Added) An imaging system, comprising:
2 an imager having an array of photodetectors for capturing
3 respective picture elements (pixels) of a time sequence of images, each
4 photodetector being configured to accumulate an amount of charge during an
5 integration period, the amount of charge accumulated being proportional to